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**STATEMENT FROM COMMISSIONER ANNABEL PALMA
OF THE NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO PROTECT IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES**

NEW YORK, NY — New York City’s strength comes from its people, especially the immigrant New Yorkers who contribute daily to the culture, economy, and heart of our city. When fear takes root in our communities, we all lose.

Now more than ever, we must reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that every New Yorker can live, work, and thrive free from discrimination and harassment, regardless of immigration status or national origin.

The NYC Commission on Human Rights enforces one of the strongest local civil rights laws in the country. Within our city’s jurisdiction, we investigate and address discrimination and harassment. For issues that fall outside of our authority, we work closely with partner agencies and organizations to connect individuals to the appropriate resources and support.

Through education, enforcement, and community partnerships, we continue to stand with immigrant communities and ensure they know their rights and where to turn for help.

To all New Yorkers: if you experience or witness discrimination, contact the Commission. Together, we can uphold our city’s values of dignity, safety, and opportunity for all.

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The New York City Commission on Human Rights is the agency responsible for enforcing the NYC Human Rights Law, one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws in the nation. The Commission works to promote equality and combat discrimination in New York City through law enforcement, community relations, and public education.